The University of Washington/Harborview Medical Center offers a one-year, in-depth Advanced Clinical Experience (ACE) including patient care, teaching, and research activities related to foot and ankle reconstruction, sports injury, and traumatology. The weekly experience includes office practice, operating room, teaching conferences, and research time. Call expectations are light and variable. Each ACE is expected to complete one scientific and one clinical research project during the year. ACEs may have 22 working days off for personal vacation, interviews, and academic meetings. The program has trained 83 surgeons over the past 28 years, many who have gone on to win recognition in the AOFAS, the Orthopaedic Research Society, and the AAOS and who are leaders in the AO-FAS today. The alumni group maintains communication and shares experiences.

(2018-2019 Foot & Ankle Group, from left: Dr. Michael Brage, Dr. Arash Calafi (ACE), Dr. Megan Walters (ACE), Dr. Bruce Sangeorzan, Dr. Alex Sawatzke (ACE), Dr. Stephen Benirschke)
Program Director: Bruce Sangeorzan, MD

Dr. Bruce Sangeorzan is a specialist at the Sigvard T. Hansen Jr. Foot and Ankle Institute, the Director of the VA Center Of Excellence in Limb Loss Prevention and Prosthetic Engineering, and professor in the University of Washington Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine.

Dr. Sangeorzan earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan and doctor of medicine degree from Wayne State University in Detroit where he also completed his residency before coming to the University of Washington for a fellowship in orthopedic traumatology and a second in foot and ankle reconstruction.

He has received the Resident Teaching Award, the OREF Clinical research award, The Mann Award for clinical research, the AMSUS Award for contributions to military care, and the Paul Magnusson Award for sustained contribution to clinical research for veterans’ care.

Clinical Interests
- deformities of the foot and ankle
- sports injuries or major trauma to the feet and/or ankles
- arthritis
- disorders of the ligaments and tendons.

Stephen Benirschke, MD

Dr. Stephen Benirschke is a graduate of the Case Western Reserve University. Following his training in Orthopaedic Surgery at Case Western he a completed fellowship in at Räthisches Kantonals-und Regional Hospital in Switzerland.

He started as an Acting Instructor at the University of Washington in 1985 and has been a Professor at the University of Washington since 2000. Presently he is a member of the Resident Selection Committee and the Musculoskeletal Core Course. With a predominant interest in foot and ankle injuries, Dr. Benirschke has published over 45 peer-reviewed articles, 3 book chapters and has presented at numerous medical meetings. He was also the primary investigator on an AO ASIF Research Grant.

He has been honored for his teaching efforts at the University of Washington with the Resident Teaching Award in 1997.

Clinical Interests
Dr. Benirschke’s clinical interests include foot and ankle trauma and reconstruction, articular fractures and other foot and ankle problems.
**Michael Brage, MD**

Associate Professor of Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine

Dr. Brage is an orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon who sees patients at the Sigvard T. Hansen Foot and Ankle Institute at Harborview Medical Center. He treats all disorders of the foot and ankle including arthritis, tendon ruptures, foot and ankle deformities, acute trauma and fractures, repair of nonunions, total ankle replacements and repair of cartilage lesions.

Dr. Brage received his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago, where he also did his internship and residency. Dr. Brage is board certified through the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

Dr. Brage enjoys the challenge of helping patients with severe foot and ankle deformities, injuries or disease, which limit their ability to lead an active lifestyle. It is rewarding for him to hear from patients following reconstructive or ankle replacement surgery, saying they have been able to resume activities.

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**Sigvard T. Hansen Jr., MD**

Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine Director, Sigvard T. Hansen Jr., Foot and Ankle Institute

Dr. Sigvard T. Hansen Jr. is a graduate of the UW School of Medicine and also completed his residency in orthopaedics here.

He is the “father of modern traumatology”. His innovations of aggressive and expeditious orthopedic care of polytrauma patients revolutionized the field. Dr. Hansen is recognized as a leading expert on complex foot and ankle reconstruction after trauma and for treatment of congenital conditions or deformities caused by disease. His clinical interests include leg trauma; foot and ankle reconstruction; neuromuscular, rheumatoid and diabetic deformity; ankle joint replacement; hindfoot, midfoot and forefoot reconstructions; and congenital deformities of leg and foot.

Dr. Hansen prefers to treat complex surgical problems and to get to know patients, their goals and their desires in depth.

Dr. Hansen is listed in The Best Doctors in America and is Director of the Sigvard T. Hansen, Jr. Foot & Ankle Institute. He is an editorial board member of the Clinical Orthopedics and Related Research journal, the AO International Board of Directors, Maurice E. Mueller Foundation of North America Board of Directors, Hansen Chair Committee, Board of Directors for Prosthetics Research Study in Seattle, Washington, and Director, Special Teams for Amputations, Mobility, Prosthetics/Orthotics (STAMP) in Seattle, WA.
# Fellowship Specifics

## Foot and Ankle ACE Rotation

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Meet Our 2019-2020 Foot & Ankle ACEs

Adam Albaba, MD

Dr. Albaba received his Doctor of Medicine from the Beirut University in Beirut, Lebanon. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at Rafik Hariri University Hospital and American University of Beirut Medical Center in Beirut, Lebanon. He also completed an Orthopaedic Trauma fellowship at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY.

Imani Dupree, MD

Dr. Dupree received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Washington School of Medicine. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Spectrum/Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners in Grand Rapids, MI. He is currently an Active Duty Orthopaedic Surgeon in the US Navy in Newport, RI.

Chelsea Mathews, MD

Dr. Mathews received her Doctor of Medicine from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana. She completed her orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas.
Foot & Ankle ACE Alumni

2019 - Arash Calafi, Alexander Sawatzke, Megan Walters
2018 - Clayton Carmody, Courtney Grimsrud, Travis Wilson
2017 - Lea Gunnell, Bryan Monier, Nicole Zappa
2016 - Brandon King, Garett Pangrazzi, Cameron Patthanacharoenphon
2015 - Matthew Beuchel, William Braaksma, Uma Ramadorai
2014 - Daniel Hoopes, Daniel Thuillier, Joan Williams
2013 - Calvin Hu, Michael D. Johnson, Nathan Kiewiet
2012 - Ramces Francisco, James Meeker
2011 - Kelly Apostle, Scott Holthusen, Monica Zilkoski
2010 - David Dalstrom, Sarah Hanslow, Benjamin Stevens
2009 - Jeffrey Henning, Alan Laing, Erik Novak
2008 - Helen Rawlinson, Tracy Rupke, Ferras Zeni
2007 - Arash Aminian, Darcy Foral, Angelique Witteveen
2006 - Christian Hall, Bryan Lapinski, Ian Le
2005 - Wesley Bevan, Mark Gould, Joel Moore
2004 - Eric Hansen, John Shank, Michael Swords
2003 - Mark Dalton, Matthew Roberts, Drew Van Boerum
2002 - Raad Al-Shaikh, Mathieu Assal, Justin Greisberg
2001 - Thomas Chi, James Davitt, Adrienne Spirt
2000 - Alistair Scott Newman, Stephen Pinney
1999 - Alan Baggoo, Christopher DiGiovanni, Anthony Hinz, Iain Russell
1998 - David Levine, Eric Malicky, Alastair Younger
1997 - Michael Aronow, Michael Houghton, Brian Toolan
1996 - J. Christopher Coetzee, Christopher K. Hebert
1995 - John G. Anderson, Brett C. Barnes
1994 - Andrew K. Sands
1993 - John Early, James Holmes, Lance Macey
1992 - Michael Brage, Thomas Helperstell
1991 - T. Scott Woll
1990 - Douglas Smith
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